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Reply to Office action of December 1, 2003
Response dated October 14, 2005

## **REMARKS**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2005 for the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been rejected. Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of the base claims.

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the recitations of dependent claims 2 and 3. Applicants have also amended independent claim 5 to incorporate the recitations of dependent claims 6 and 7. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over Korean Patent No. 2003-0056753 to Kweon et al. ("Kweon et al.").

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious in view of Kweon et al. further in view of Japanese Patent No. 62184002 to Tanzawa et al. ("Tanzawa et al.") and U.S. Patent No. 6,426,077 to Grace.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious in view of Korean Patent No. 2001-01003065 to Lee et al. further in view of Tanzawa et al.

The Examiner states that the prior art of record does not teach or reasonably suggest a weight-loss composition comprising the claimed ingredients within the amounts recited in claims 3, 4, 7 and 8. As stated above, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the recitations of dependent claims 2 and 3 and independent claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of dependent claims 6 and 7.

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Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance of claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 are therefore respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this response. However, if additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Docket Number 027707.00006.

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